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ISSUE TWO

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Here's another corny intro. Issue 2 is finally out, sorry for the delay. I hope you find this one to contain more than the last issue, it's a lot different. Just because I had my 2 cents (jen). What we write about is what we feel is important in our lives, if you disagree, please teach us otherwise. Most of what we have to say has been well thought out and we believe strongly in everything written within. Don't expect #3 out too soon... Educate yourself on Veganism, I hope the contents help render your life in some way. happy reading! Go Vegan...

"Never underestimate the ability of a small group of determined people to change the course of human history. In fact that's the only way human history has ever been changed."

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Ashes



Animals were the teachers of the first humans--showing them what to eat for food; plants to eat for medicine and how to live and even how to die. Animals continue to teach us if we give them a chance. We can learn far more from watching an animal in the wild (when it is involved with its mammalian relationships with all around it) than by cutting it up into pieces in a laboratory to study how a chemical works inside it...and thereby killing it.

--Delores LaChapelle

A daily prayer

We ate no flesh in Eden, but afterwards, when things got hard, we forgot the peaceful kinship of that ancient kingdom. As our teeth sank into their flesh we had to deny them.

So we said

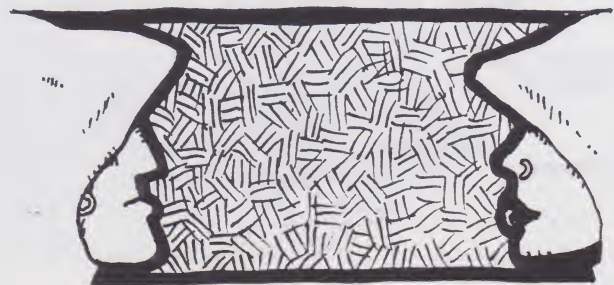
they had no souls, no reason, no thumbs, no speech. We were so different. We made a chain of things to protect us--fire, medicine, our locking houses, many kinds of clothes. And we renamed them--farm product, fur crop, renewable resource. Pray that we will see their faces again in the mirror of creation, the miracle of animals, their clear eyes meaning more than profit to our own!

--Jean Pearson

On Speaking Terms with Earth



INTO ANOTHER



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THE
CITY



Chokehold are a SXE vegan band from Hamilton Canada if you didn't know. Wake up, they fucking rule!

First off, Who's in the band and what do they play?

Chris- The line up is Jeff and Sandy on guitars, Matt plays drums, Josh plays bass and I sing.

At shows, what kind of a message do you try to put out?

We try to let people know what we're about, what our songs are about. We want people to walk away after our set thinking about what we said. We're not one of those bands that you have to guess if they are S.E. or not, we bring it out in the open.

What are your songs about?

Well our song Deception is about how advertising exploits women and uses racism etc. to sell their products. Turn the page is about the constant slagging of

the S.E. scene in zines like MRR and it's about saying we ain't going nowhere so you better learn to get along with us. Our songs are mostly about things that happen to us and the shit we see society trying to sell us.

Your music style has changed for the better from the 7' to the demo and even better live. Has the crowd reaction improved along?

Yes we have definitely changed our music for the better. The thing with our 7' is that those songs are so fucking old and that the 7' was released a long time after they were recorded. Still we have changed a lot from the newer demo and yea the crowd response has gotten better, people know the words and shit, it's just a whole new scene now compared to when we played the songs off the 7'. Our L.P. will probably be out in two months with all new songs. (Edit- it's out now.)

You're all vegans correct? When you

look at the world and all the evils, what helps you to keep trying?

Yea we are all vegans. What helps me keep going? Well look around, when you see all the scum and the evil, it just makes me stronger, I don't want too be like that, I don't want any part of that. I feed off it, it's like fuel.

What are your views on abortion? Personally I think a life is a life, I wouldn't abort if I wouldn't harm an animal either.

Well as wrong as you think I am, I am not pro-life, and no one else in the band is either. I totally respect people for being pro-life. I think your fucked if you want to kill your own child, but the right of choice is important. If someone took my right away, I would be pissed. I know I sound contradictive, but the choice should remain for those who have been raped or to victims of incest. Unless you have been through an experience

like that, you couldn't possibly know what a woman feels. They should have the choice. For those who use it because they were irresponsible, thats fucked up. It sickens me. If we were to get to the root of evil and put the fuckers who raped in the jails and off the streets and educate about safe sex or abstinence all together, then abortion wouldn't be such an issue.

What's the Hamilton scene like? Do they support you?

The Hamilton scene is cool, they support us to an extent. Our close friends give us tons of support, but the other people only show support when it's convenient to them. But lately things have been getting really good. More bands are starting and more zines coming out.

What are your reasons for being SXE and vegan?

I respect myself and I respect the earth. What more do you need? You don't give a fuck about the earth if you eat meat. SXE is the best feeling in the world, and to be a part of such a

movement is great. How a person can sell out is beyond me.

Any new releases coming?

We have a 12' coming out on Conquer the World Records. Hey Mike!

Final comments?

Thanx alot for the interview Kris, your support means a lot. Thanx to all the people in Syracuse for being so cool to us. Especially Carl and Ben, DJ and Guav. Thanx also to Scott and Tim. Burn in hell if you sell out. Go Vegan or go Fuck yourself. Thanx...

pic-jen d



"Thank you for letting me see my ignorance's. I am saddened by my past unconscious, and yet I am aware that I didn't know better and could not see what I was doing. Now I am grateful for this opportunity to see more clearly how I can live the kind of life I so deeply want.

When we can say, "I have made a mistake" we no longer have to justify our errors or defend ourselves in anyway. We have learned to live graciously with our own foolishness."

JOHN ROBBINS

I think the present order was done by some freak junkie. He had all these creatures with names and decided certain ones should rank higher than others. He had a forty of smack and a hat to draw from, picking which ones would walk and talk and how. First pick would be highest in control. He slipped and picked humans. Unfortunately they weren't as intelligent as needed. He set the rules from there. Man could do almost anything he wanted with only a few exceptions. He could kill almost anything except humans and it was OK. He gave this a name. TRADITION. They could eat what they killed in most instances, with a few exceptions again, being cats and dogs. Again-no questions. Tradition. It was OK It was a benefit to us, and noone could say it was wrong. That's just the way it is.

Why do I choose to label myself Straight edge and Vegan? Well, I am drug free I guess since I don't smoke, drink alcohol, or do drugs, so the label for that is Straight edge. Also I try to live a cruelty free lifestyle, eating no meat or dairy; wearing no animal skins and the label for this being Vegan. Why do I need a label? I don't know, Why do you label yourself man or woman? To separate? Maybe I want to separate myself from things I see wrong. As long as while separating I'm not hurting, what's the problem? I'm not putting myself in a superior position and controlling you am I? No. It's a positive label necessary so others can see the alternative that is so hard to see.

Sorry I don't use enough facts. Everyone else does and nothing changes so I'll use reasoning, something you can grip that's clear to understand. The fact is that unless things change drastically we won't even last til judgment day. EVERYTHING is fucked up. The environment is in bad condition; people are starving or homeless (due to greed); animals I don't even know where to start; etc. I wish I could clear out the earth leaving just enough to start over. Things gotta change, there's not much left to ruin. Noone is willing to learn from their mistakes. So we just continue to self destruct. Noone knows what happens when you die. No sleep for the wicked. Why do I even bother trying? Good question. Obviously because I wouldn't want to contribute to the main source that fuels my hatred. Sorry to use a negative word. I'm a positive person, but I don't want to destroy everything. Maybe it's too late. Fuck that. I just have to be stronger as an individual and set the right example. Shit will change and soon. We have no choice. Either change or die. Go Vegan

To me it's obvious that our simple idea should be fact. We have no right to harm in any way any kind of animal, be it for food, clothing, abortion or anything. Under no circumstances should we have the power to kill any other innocent creature. The thought shouldn't even cross our mind. People wear animals and eat them without realizing it. Noone stops to question the idea. They should though. Take every instance and question it. Are you so much higher to have access to this cow for meat, milk and leather? No. I wouldn't kill it so neither should I pay someone else to do it for me. When you choose to buy your next pair of leather shoes, think about how it ties in with the slaughter industry and choose an alternative. The next time you go to bite into that blood burger think of where it came from. Realize animals aren't our tools or slaves for benefit and greed. If you disagree write me, You will be proven wrong. Our actions do affect others. All I'm saying is do EVERYTHING you can. If you eat meat- Wake Up!! If you are a vegetarian great! This should be your stepping stone though with veganism at the endpoint. Another thing I've read two interviews where people think vegetarianism is a personal choice. They think there is a choice when it comes down to eating animals?? OK pal then you should have no problem with me killing you for others to eat at Slaughter World. It's my choice right?? Duh! I'd be crazy! Well maybe I think your fucking nuts. Nah, just plain stupid. Wise up. GO VEGAN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!XXX

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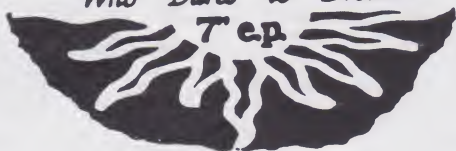
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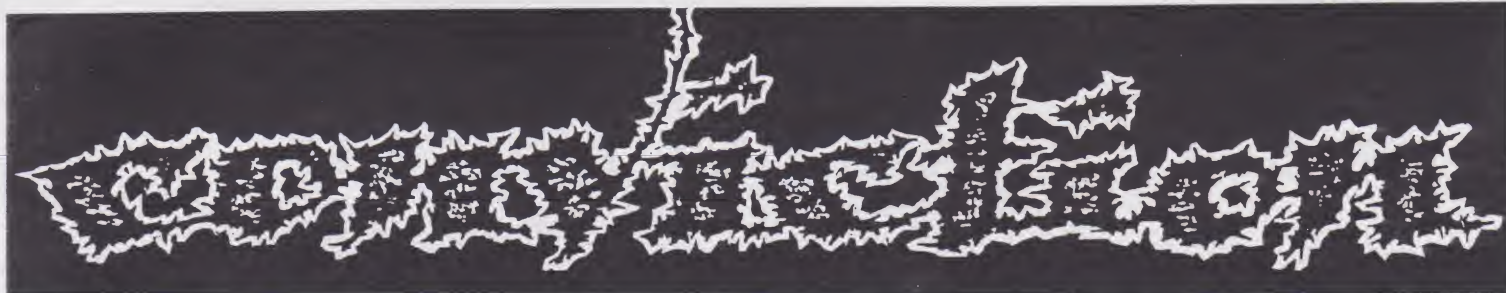
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How long have you been together? Any member changes along the way?

Jon * The band has been around for a little over 2 1/2 years as **Conviction**. Both Travis and Mike were permanent members of a band called Transmission who occasionally included Jim filling in on bass. When Jim joined the band on guitar, and Ron took over bass it was decided that a name change was in order. The old drummer decided he didn't like the way the band was going and quit. Shortly after they recorded a 7" on Smorgasbord records as **Conviction**. A friend of the band, Joe Duab, filled in on drums for the 7". I joined the band as the permanent drummer shortly after the 7" was recorded and this has been the line up ever since.

What does the name conviction mean to you?

Jon* **Conviction** has much more meaning than just a name of a band. It's believing in something and being committed to it. Where your convictions lie tell a lot about you as a person. Your

conviction, or lack of, tells a lot about you. When I think about people who used to shout and scream about how committed they were and I hear they've totally changed their beliefs it disgusts me. How can they live with that kind of contradiction in their life? I can't put any faith or trust into people like that.

Jim* **Conviction** means fucking never bending or breaking when it comes to beliefs, morals, ethics or whatever. It means absolute commitment! Obviously the fact that we are S.E. means that our whole existence as a band is an extension of that fact, as it merely reflects our way of life. As for questions of us selling out, if I understand your use of the term- we're entirely too busy not selling out. We're completely for real. The thought of us compromising for any reason is totally incomprehensible.

If I remember correctly, you have a song about racism. How has this affected you in your area?

Jon* -Racism is alive and kickin in central P.A. It's always been a problem, one that people take far too lightly. Less than a year ago we played a show in York, PA to a crowd of about 10 nazi skinheads.

Nobody else would come in the club because the nazi's were there. They used to pop up at shows and people never really did anything. The worst experience was in Allentown, PA (which is notorious for nazi's). Me, Travis, Jim and some others went to see **Agnostic Front**, **Sheer Terror**, **Vision** and some other bands at the Airport City Music Hall. As soon as we got in the door we could tell something was going on. I went to pay the guy at the door but he told me to turn around and run, the show was canceled. We walked in without paying to see a crowd of 200 or more nazi's maybe 100 or so non-racist people. Fights were breaking out everywhere and the nazi's were jumping people. They would surround one person and "zeig heil" in unison like a bunch of fucking clones. We left the club when the police showed up and got split up on the way outside. I went to my car and Travis ran up about two minutes later with a bloody lip and eye. He was jumped by about 5 guys and the police saw it but didn't give a shit. (nice system)

That incident basically helped inspire "Kill It" which is about racists more so than just racism. It deals with nazi skinheads or any racist group giving false sense of security and power to ignorant, white trash,

social rejects. People need to be more aggressive when it comes to dealing with racists. Their beliefs are centered around oppressing others. Why tolerate that? Oppress them. I'm not big on violence for petty reasons but racism is hardly petty. When it comes to racists I condone violence against them 100% - in fact I advise it!

Don't you also have a song with something about the environment?

Jon* "Peering into the Darkness" It's directed at corporations that exploit the earth and cover up their actions through propaganda, false advertising, etc. Although the song is pointing fingers at corporate leader types, the public is also to blame. Many times when environmental problems are exposed people don't want to believe it, It could inconvenience them. As a consumer, try to use recycled paper products, environmentally safe products. Try to recycle, it's easy for me to talk because Philly has a good recycling program, although recycling isn't mandatory. Just do what you can. Becoming Vegetarian is probably the best step you can take. Don't think of this as beating a dead horse, its not going to go away until people wise up.

Jim* That song basically deals with the direction the earth is headed by allowing things to just continue as they are. Everyone has to alter their lifestyles accordingly to bring about any real change regarding the environment as well as all life in general.

Has Conviction always been sxe? What does it mean to you? I'm assuming it's a lifetime commitment?

Jon* We have and always will be. It's not something you grow out of. We're not a bunch of Walter's or Sammy's. It is definitely a lifetime commitment. I personally have never been drunk or high or smoked. I guess I'll never know what I'm missing- DAMN!! Some of the others have been through all that shit and decided that's not how they want to live. I don't want to sound self righteous. A lot of my friends drink, smoke, and get high. Does that make them any less human? No, but they also have to respect my beliefs. I don't believe in separatism or elitism. How are you going to get people to listen to you id you talk down to them. Take note; it's often those who preach to most that sell out!

Jim* Actually I think one of the main reasons

for " Transmissions Demise" was due to the fact that we wanted to stress SXE a lot more, and the drummer, I feel, had become disillusioned about the whole thing, the schism over the name change made it fairly evident - but it gave us some sense of renewal as far as being able to express what we wanted and not have to hide that we were indeed SXE and in fact be completely blatant about it. Yeah, I spent about 5 years heavily into drugs of all kinds, to the point of doing crime to get money and all that eventually I ended up in rehab over it. Even after I was out I did still use drugs for a while, but I finally made a conscious effort to quit cause it was just senseless, especially after all the time spent away from it- so I had experienced both sides and realized that although life is fucked up a lot of times, it's even worse when your consumed by that shit. But it was definitely the ultimate learning experience. It's made me more adamantly opposed to it.

Who in the band is vegetarian/vegan? Does it have anything to do with the band?

Jon* Ron and Mike both eat meat. I'm lacto-ovo, Travis is lacto, and Jim is Vegan. We've never claimed to be an all

vegetarian outfit, but Jim, Travis and I have strong beliefs in animal liberation. I switched to a vegetarian diet after I joined the band because of Jim and Travis's influence (not because of Ray Cappel)

Jim* I'm the only one in the band who eliminates all animal products from my diet as well as other products I use. Personally it's more an ethical reason that one of health, which is just a benefit of such a diet, all innocent life is equal and deserves respect and compassion, therefore I refuse to act in a way contrary to that belief. Unfortunately some of the others have yet to come to realization. Although eventually I feel they will. If we were all vegan that would be the most ideal band situation for myself. Hopefully it's something we can evolve into.

When is your 7" coming out on Watermark?

Jim* When we get off our ass and get the shit to em! After that it's a matter of how quickly things get done on the label's end of things.

Are you planning any kind of tour?

Jon* I'd like to get the 7" out about a month before we do any real tour. If we do a tour this

summer we'll probably go with another band. (Earth Crisis is a high possibility)

Any thoughts on abortion?

Jon* Abortion is an issue that I am undecided about. A close friend of mine got a girl pregnant at a party. He wasn't friends with her. They decided to have an abortion and it was kept a secret. There was no way she would raise the child. Adoption was an option but how would she explain the pregnancy? I don't think she would have been able to handle a pregnancy mentally. You can't blame her, society is so critical on single mothers. She wasn't about to carry a baby for 9 months because of a one night fling. Even if it was wrong that doesn't make the problem go away. I think that I've come to the conclusion that abortion should be legal with more time restrictions.

Jim* I'm anti-abortion in all cases, if someone is raped and actually becomes pregnant as a result, I still don't feel that abortion is the answer. I think education is of major importance concerning Contraception, AIDS, std's, pregnancy and other results of sexual irresponsibility, as well as the reality of what

abortion is, which has been made to look like something other than what it is - a form of MURDER, although I don't actually see that becoming a reality.

What is this I hear about ink poisoning from putting on X's?

Jon* I don't know how you found out about that. Travis got ink poisoning about 5 years ago when he put X's on his hand every day. His hand turned greenish and he got sick from it. The doctor said he got ink poisoning. Don't worry about it unless you X up all the time. I've heard people criticize others for not Xing up at shows. You shouldn't let weather or not people X up bother you.



Anything to add?

Jon* Peace out to all the Syracuse and Buffalo kids, Earth Crisis, Chokehold, and the rest of the great white north, D.J., Guave, Dan Hate, Syracuse and Buffalo girls, and everybody we met at TACO BELL!!

If you haven't seen us yet, come check us out. We'll be back. John Mckaig is God.(you thought I forgot!)

Jim* Thanks for the interview. Keep an eye out for the record, it should be pretty killer! Go Vegan! Syracuse is the Shit!!



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by
Jenny X

Abortion

Abortion. No the subject hasn't gone away. I'm really sick of people saying its a woman's choice. Its not a WOMAN'S CHOICE!! It took two to conceive the child so why should the woman get to make the choice to kill it?? Is it because women are blessed with the beauty of carrying it? Is physical immaturity a reason to murder something? Abortion is being used as a form of birth control, its disgusting. Just because people are so damn irresponsible and have sex even though they know that there is no way they could handle the consequences. So. "The condom broke, we were being responsible, so now that I'm pregnant I have to have an abortion." Think about it. You know, we all know. Using a condom does not 100% prevent the chance o getting pregnant, so we all need to be a lot more responsible. It all starts with education. Being responsible doesn't mean using a condom, being responsible is thinking before you perform sexual actions, think of the consequence before you get involved in the sexual situation. Having an abortion is giving up someones entire life.. Think of if you had every memory, every moment of your life shattered, even before you had the chance to breathe. All because your parents can't afford it or aren't responsible enough to handle a child or better yet still want a life. Ive heard people say that if they had a child it would ruin their entire life, but fuck the innocent right??? And even if you had

made the mistake and got pregnant, there still is the option of giving it up for adoption. So you say you couldn't handle the nine months. Then you are weak!!!! Taking nine months out of your life so another human can be brought into the world is not much to ask. Every single one of us is different, doesn't that click in your head somewhere??? That baby possesses a soul, a soul that guides it through every passage of life, starting at the time it was conceived, not when it exits the womb, as some say!! I can't believe you actually will scream out your right to be pro-choice. You want your right to destroy something that isn't yours to begin with. The womb to the child is equivalent to the world to us. So if you say you can kill that beautiful child than why can't I just go around killing people i feel aren't needed. Same thing right? Maybe not in your eyes, but i truly believe it. Why don't we kill everyone that has aids, cancer or leukemia we all know they are living terrible lives, right?? So lets make the decision for them and put them out of their misery. Of course you don't believe that, so why believe in something as stupid as abortion. Lets give the child a chance to live a fulfilling life, give them their chance. This whole abortion thing has gone too far. Today we are able to sell a fetus to science for research. Why not, it wasn't wanted anyway! So lets test on it just like we do all the innocent animals. So lets keep on aborting these

children, your day will come! Everything comes around. Here are a few facts to back my ideas up with.

Did you know that by the end of the first month a whole embryo is formed. It is the size of a half pea. The body has a head with eyes, ears, mouth and a brain that already shows human specialization. There are simple kidneys, a liver, a digestive tract, a blood stream and a heart which is beating by the 25th day!!!! In its seventh week it bears familiar features and all the internal organs for the future adult. The new body not only exists, it also works. The nervous system also has developed which means it can feel pain! At two months the lines of the palm prints and footprints are already permanently engraved on the skin, which means it is a one of a kind. At the end of the sixth week it has gained a complete skeleton. It can well be called a little person. By eight weeks the eyelids and palms of the hands become sensitive to touch. Meantime the ribs and vertebrae turn to hard bone, and the whole baby becomes more solid. Girls and boys are distinctly different now. In this time, the internal reproductive organs also become well formed and already contain primitive egg and sperm cells. The forerunners of the cells that will make future babies!!! In anticipation of the time of birth, the baby steadily improves and rehearses the vital functions of breathing, eating and motion.

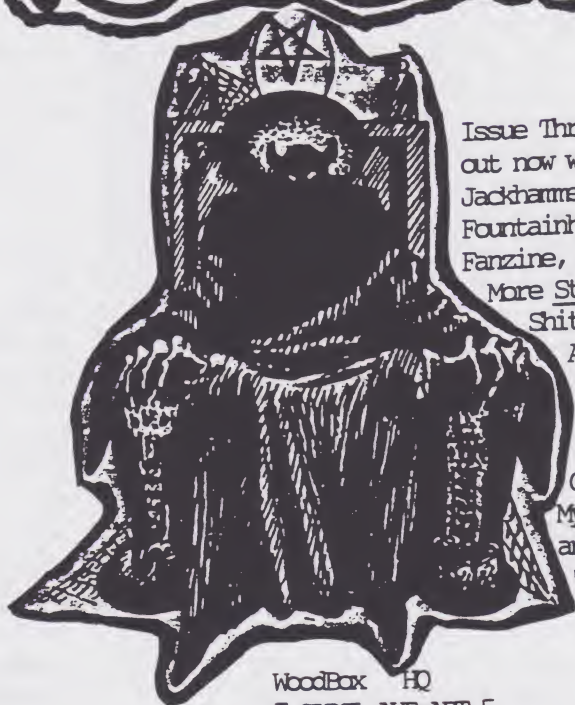
Yet you will argue that its not a baby. But I have all the facts to prove that it is. It also has the ability to feel pain. Is there still justification for murder? If so let me know the reason! As the rape idea comes along. That is still a life. Its not a demon as some of you make it out to be. Yes I know that man that raped you put you through too much pain to handle, but why do we have exceptions there should be no such thing! And even though i may never understand your pain, I don't think inflicting pain on another is the right way to go about it! That child is going to grow to be a beautiful thing, not an outcast in society!! I've heard people say that the child wouldn't be able to live a normal life, it would be picked upon. Its so stupid of you to say that. I know someone, his mom had him when she was 17 years old. His real father pulled the get out of town act. But his mother firmly believes that a life is a life. He is a great person, he has had a better childhood than most of us, he wasn't an outcast so where that comes in is just another excuse for you! I know you will say, How can i ever know the pain? Believe me, I've been through the pain of sexual molestation and I know that by beliefs don't stand in the way of that fact. The adoption aspect shouldn't be planted so deeply in the back of your mind. So don't say I don't know the pain. I know i was lucky to stop the molestation before it got to the point of

actual intercourse, and i was lucky! I know some of you wont be as lucky. I can only hope you won't take it out on the innocent child! Its not the child's fault its being brought into this world by an evil act, but i just can not justify that for murder.

Responsibility is the only way, except for the rape aspect. There are children out there having sex at age 14 it sick. But that doesn't mean abortion is the answer. Education is. The education system is so screwed up. I can remember being told when i was in 7th grade that abortion was the only way out. Because they knew that children were having sex and wouldn't be capable of handling the pregnancy. Instead of saying sex is for reproduction not fun!!! Families are telling boys to score with their dates, its on television its everywhere. Mothers are giving 14 year olds birth control pills. I realize that this process will take time. Because of the fact that if abortion became illegal dangerous procedures would take place in back alleys. I feel education is the first step to everything. When everyone is educated then the laws may be reinforced, the matter of "choice" will not cross our mind. And the lives will be lived, the lives that are deserved!!!!!!

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If you drink and or smoke and can't come to a show without doing so... Get the fuck out of our scene. Yes it is ours!! What have you done for it? If you want to be a knucklehead and ruin your body do it someplace else. Where do you get the nerve to do this in an atmosphere it's most hated? You are polluting our air with your smoke. And looking like a fool. You obviously have an addiction if you can't go three/four hours without it. Do I have a cigarette in my hand? NO! I don't want that shit in my lungs. Neither so I or anyone else appreciate your second hand smoke harming my body. If you drink at shows I question your reason for coming. Was it to use the bar? To make a fool of yourself!? Obviously it doesn't impress anyone. Our scene is made up of kids who care about this and other stronger topics. This is the easy one. You are not wanted. Don't think this just comes from my head cause most of the kids at shows feel the same way. So don't even bother coming anymore. You will be confronted and feel like the fool that you are. So don't be surprised. We want a drug free environment and we don't need you messing it up for us. It's simple, either do without your crutch or don't come.....

I remember as far back as the 6th grade, hanging out and trying to fit in. It seemed the cool thing to do was check out girls bodies. Looking up skirts, down shirts. Checking out their asses. Whatever. I must have been 13 or close to it. Where on earth did I pick this idea up from? Especially at such a young age. Maybe television, magazines, or just the people I hung out with. It's drilled into your head so hard it's hard not to go along with it. 13 years old. I only liked girls for looks cause looks were all that counted. Now you turn on the TV and it's nonstop. Obviously they degrade women on TV. Way too much. It would be better if we were all blind. 13 years old is the age most girls can get pregnant. No 13 year old is ready to be a parent. It's a very impressionable age and it's no wonder with all the influence of this society. I don't really know what I'm getting at here. In the back of my head I'm thinking don't have sex unless you are prepared to be a parent. Sex is temporary, the child isn't. Abortion should be unthinkable. WAIT, stop having sex until you are ready to be responsible. You won't die. The only 100% form of birth control is ABSTINENCE.

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UNBROKEN



This interview was done through the mail with Rob. I didn't know anything about Unbroken except that they were a California straight edge band, so I didn't have any great questions to ask. Anyway, here goes it

H- Who plays in Unbroken and how long have you been together?

Rob- Dave is vocals, Eric and Steve guitar, Todd drums, and I play Bass. We've been together with this line up for one and a half years.

H- Do you get alot of shows? How's the reaction so far?

Rob- It's cool, we get a lot of shows now. At first it was like one show every other month. Now we've turned down shows on dates cause we get offered shows on dates already booked. And the reaction is great. It's a great feeling when you play and a bunch of kids go crazy. More and more people are starting to come to our shows.

H- Are you planning on touring?

Rob- Yeah we're planning a U.S. tour with Mean Season for the Summer of 93. It'll be great. It's gonna be a 5 week tour.

H- How did you come up with the name Unbroken?

Rob- We came up with the name Unbroken when we were talking about how alot of S.E. kids started drinking and all that crap, and how it never meant shit to those kids. So we said we're Unbroken, our heart for S.E. are Unbroken. Even when it died out in 90/91 we still remained Unbroken.

H- What's the scene like out there? Is straight edge boomin?

Rob- S.E. in So. Cali. is dope as shit. There's a lot of S.E. kids. It seems that it didn't die-out to bad at all. Every show there's new faces.

H- Are you happy with the 7"? Any upcoming releases?

Rob- The 7" is cool. I like the cover and the layout and stuff but, I hate those songs. We got Dave and Steve 1 month before we recorded. The lyrics to the

pain they face were written the day before we recorded. But it came out pretty good.

H- What are some of your songs about?

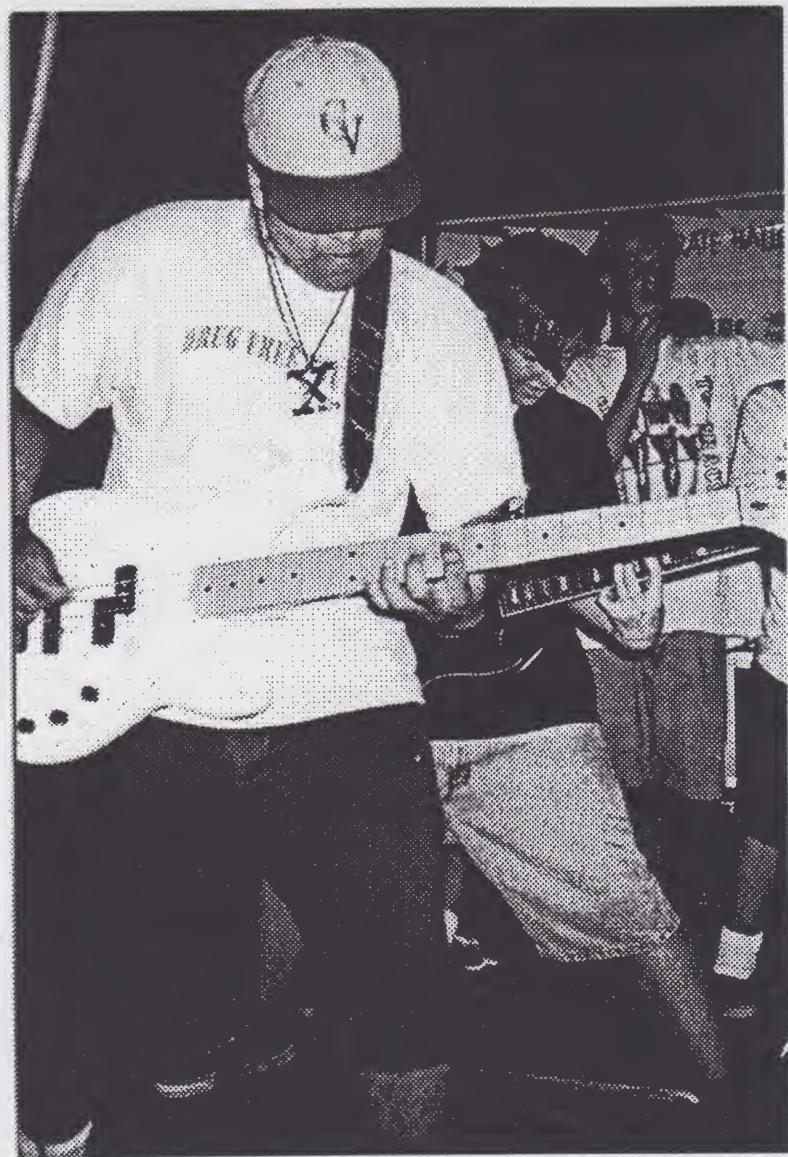
Rob- We have songs about greed, vegetarianism, the environment, racism and politics.

H- Who in Unbroken is vegetarian/vegan? Why or why not?

Rob- I'm vegetarian and so is Dave and Todd. Steve and Eric are both VEGAN. I'm vegetarian for the simple fact that we don't need to kill what we don't need to eat.

H- Are girls active in the hardcore scene there?

Rob- yeah girls out here do things besides holding their boyfriends jackets(Edit-Jackets in so Cal?)



Some do zines others help put on shows. I'm glad that these girls do their part in the scene.

H- Final comments?

Rob- Thank much for the interview. When we get back from Tour, we're recording a Split

7" with Mean Season for New Age. Also our L.P. for New Age will be out in April/May. And get the Mean Season 7". It's a doozie!!

All UNBROKEN

pics-dave mandell



"I was straight edge for a little while",
Correction, you were straight for a little while.
Straight edge is something more than that. It has
endured and will. Many people could and have
said this quote. From GB to Chain of Strength to
your average Larry NYC. These people were
weak. Fuck em!! They've been weeded out. They
are not Straight Edge!! They have made
contributions and a little history, but no one
admires them for their accomplishments!! They
were a phase a fucking trend! They had great
intentions, but they quit while they were winning.
Now they have lost. I'm not going to cry over some
losers. Out with the old and in with the sincere.
Another thing I've noticed is that most kids who get
anything accomplished in Hardcore are Straight
Edge kids. Most zines are done by straight edge
kids. Most good bands are Straight Edge. Most
kids who put on shows are Straight Edge. Probably
because Straight Edge kids are the only ones who
give a shit. And how often do you see a straight
edge scene with a fight at every show? Maybe it's
because I live in Syracuse and the scene revolves
around Straight Edge.. I don't know otherwise. I
doubt it though. All the other good scenes I've e
heard about are mostly straight edge. But straight
edge is dead...Nope. It's getting stronger. Ideas do
not die. There will always be straight edge kids, at
least until I die.

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EARTH CRISIS

pic-guav

I am writing this to question some peoples views on straight edge. It seems people are getting the wrong idea on such a great thing. People are finding excuses if you ask me. OK these people claim that straight edge is not just being drug free anymore. They say that it has turned into wearing baggy clothes and baseball hats. I'm sorry but that is totally wrong. That just so happens to be the "style" that is racing through hardcore. Another thing is that straight edge kids don't always listen to straight edge bands. I personally listen to all types of music, not just SXE. And I know for a fact that straight edge bands play shows with non-straight edge bands. Where are you getting your ideas from?? People say that they aren't allowed to be straight edge. What? I didn't know you needed a membership card. Straight edge is a personal choice, a way of life. Who cares what other kids wear or listen to, that is also their personal choice. That has nothing to do with straight edge. That is just a group of kids who share the same style, beliefs and ideas. But that doesn't mean that they don't accept others ideas and views and even ways of dress. We are not conforming to society, we are going against this fucked up ass backwards society and we do accept change. Straight edge does not hold stereotypes, so if you feel that you aren't welcomed then maybe there is something deep down inside of you telling you that you can't do it. I don't know, but if you feel that you aren't being accepted then how come I'm a girl and I'm accepted? There is no one out there telling me that I can't be straight edge because I'm a girl, so who is telling you that you can't be straight edge because you dress different?

As for all you fuckers who sold out cause you couldn't handle it, I feel deeply sorry for your pitiful weakness. I hope you rot in hell!!! You all know who you are!!!!XXX



pic-kris q

DIRTY

Sex is not recreation. It is not a positive way to kill time. It is not to be for personal pleasure. When sex becomes selfish, it becomes a KNIFE. And you cut everyone you enter. You leave a scar. No kisses. No love vows. No fucking roses, Just a wetness between your legs. I will abstain. Sex is dangerous. It is filthy.

Shane



pic-trustkill

Pregnancy from rape or incest is rare. What is needed is help for the mother, not the strange sort of justice that would kill an innocent child for the crime of it's father!!!

In the U.S. abortions are permitted up to 9 months. Abortion is available as an absolute right for the first 3 months. During the second 3 months, the state may prescribe controls for the mothers health, such as having abortion in a licensed facility by a licensed doctor. In the last 3 months, abortion is available by the abortionist doctor, not by a committee for any reason.

"When the sperm and the egg unite, a new being comes into existence containing within itself a unique genetic package for continuing development into a mature adult. Nothing will be added except time and nutrition. Each stage of development from fertilization to old age is merely maturing of what is there at the start. Birth only changes a baby's dining habits, its airway and its charm.

You can't justify wearing leather. It's dead animal skin. I've seen so many people into animal rights do it with some dumb reasoning. The bottom line is animals don't appreciate being killed for their skin to be worn for your selfishness. We have to set the example. We are the minority and people are always watching what we do. No one will take you seriously if you say one thing and do another. "You object to killing animals to clothe ourselves in their skins", say the furriers, "but you are wearing leather shoes." (Animal Liberation) Leather IS the same as fur and you don't see any instances where that's acceptable. There are alternatives, so find one. Leather is murder, plain and simple, it's just like meat except it's another part of the cow. It's all unnecessary at the expense of an innocent creature. Understand?

MEAN SEASON



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Compared to earth. We are unbelievably small. But as a whole it seems as though we are TRYING to do mass destruction. We should place earth first and our selfish wants way down that list of priorities. It's all About survival!!!!!!GO VEGAN!!!!!!

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